

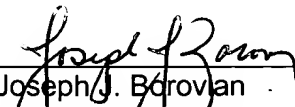
asterisked reference is enclosed. For purposes of review, Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 122:306557 is an English language equivalent of German Patent 4,320,801; Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 60:9528g is an English language equivalent of the Bickel, et al. reference; Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 77:10154w is an English language equivalent of the Brunetti, et al. reference; Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 9:210 is an English language equivalent of the first Brunner reference; Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 9:3058 is an English language equivalent of the second Brunner reference; Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 93:95196a is an English language equivalent of the first Wagner, et al. reference; and Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 95:18716e is an English language equivalent of the second Wagner, et al. reference. Moreover, it should be noted that since the Einhorn, et al. reference is rather ancient, there is no corresponding Chemical or Derwent Abstract.

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